CLAYTON A, HARWELL
Born:
Died: 1857, Giles Co. Tennessee.
Married: Susan B. ________(Wells??),

Clayton died in Tennessee and Susand brought their 10 children to Laud. Co. probably in early 1857 and moved onto the farm of Thomas W. Wells of Pine Springs.

In the September, 1857 term of Laud. Co. Probate Court, Susan B. Harwell stated that her husband, late of Giles Co., Tenn, died intestate, leaving an estate at the time of his death of the value of about $3000, consisting of Negro property which was then in Tennessee, (apparently his land had already sold). Her children who were over 14 had chosen her as their guardian, but it was necessary for the court to appoint guardian to protect the interest of the younger children under 14, and Susan asked to be appointed their guardian. Susan was appointed guardian of the three oldest children, Martha Jane, Mary Elizabeth, and Sophia J. Harwell.

On the same day Susan was appointed guardian fo the 7 younger children after making a $4500 bond with neighbors Thomas W. Wells and William W. Stokes signing with her as securities.

A year later on October 19, 1858, Susan apparently had nob been able to recover the Harwell estate from Tennessee, so she gave Thomas Wells power of attorney to recover the estate in Tennessee. The older two girls were married by that time, but Thomas Wells became also the guardian of Sohhia Harwell. HE reaigned shortly after t;henm apparently to go fight in the Civil War.

It is not known at this time if Susan ever did get hers and the children's inheritence from Tenn. She lived on the Well's farm throughout the war, with neither of her 2 sons taking part in the conflict They were a little young at the beginning of the war, but were old enough before it was over, especially since Miss. began drafting all men from 14 to 50 toward the end when they were running short on soldiers. The youngest boy, Holly, told his children how the soldiers would come looking for men hidden out in the woods - they would send them to the Confederate Army if they found any.

It is not known when Susan Harwell and her children left Pine Springs. Wells sold his farm and moved away in 1869. Susan's grandson seems to recall that she was buried at Pine Grove Church (Lauderdale or KEmper Co?)

In 1877 the two Harwell boys bought 40 acres from Thomas J. Hamrick (father-in-law of one of their sisters) in Collinsville [Sec. 26, Township 8, Range 14E] and the adjoining 40 acres from James M. Trussell, agent for Mrs. Nancy J. King of Texas. It is assumed that the mother and other children moved there that year.

In 1880 they were having trouble keeping their land; had borrowed $485 from M.D. and N. J. King. It is not known if they lost their land during the hard times when so many were in trouble. Bud, the oldest son, moved to Perry Co. and Holly, the youngest, bought land near by in "downtown" Collinsville, married and raised a family there.

Susan Harwell may have been living with one of her daughters when she died. Her death date is not known.

Children:

I. MARTHA JANE HARWELL
Born; 1839?, Tennessee?
Died:
Married: Daniel Crane, 1858, Lauderdale Co.

Children:

II. MARY ELIZABETH HARWELL

Born: 1841, Tenn. (?)
Died: 1926, bur. Hamrick Cem., Collinsville.
Married: John B. Hamrick 1858, Lauderdale Co. He was a son of Thomas J. and Sinia (Brown) Hamrick of Collinsville.
Owned land in Sections 35 & 36, Township 8, Range 14E in 1892.
Children:

1. Sarah Elizabeth Hamrick 186_, m Charles Clinton "Charley" Carpenter, 1883.
   Children:
   A. Ada Lula Carpenter 1883-1883, 11 mo. old.
   B. John Rice "Ricy" Carpenter 1885-1963, m. Lillie Anderson
   C. Thomas Irvin Carpenter 1886-1925, m. Elizabeth Adeline Anderson
2. Saphronia "Fronie" Hamrick m. _____ Pruitt, no children.
3. Katherine "Kate" Hamrick 1864-1933, m. Thomas Oggie Clark (1861-1949)
   Children:
   A. Marvin Edwin Clark 1893-1898
   B. Elton Clark
   C. William Clark
   D. Earline Clark ("Sugie")
4. Nettie Hamrick 1867-1903, m. George W. Weatherford, 1892, son of Wm. G. "Dock" and Rose Ann (Kittrell) Weatherford of Pine Springs. Had 1 child in 1903 when Nettie died. George then m. her sister, Maggie. They moved to Illinois.
5. Ava Hamrick m. Hillard Gibson.
6. Ella Hamrick m. Thomas Gibson.
   Children:
   A. Ruby Gibson
   B. Kline Gibson
   C. Joe Alton Gibson
   D. Heber Gibson
   E. Norman Gibson
   F. Melba Gibson
7. Tom Hamrick m. Carrie Clark, sis. of "Sugie" who m. his sister, Kate.
   Had no children.
8. Maggie (Margaret?) Hamrick, 2nd wife of G.W. Weatherford.
9. Annie Hamrick 1878-1964, m. Robert F. "Bob" Moore, 1906, Laud. Co.
   Children:
   A. Melville Moore m. Vera Moore
   B. Malcolm Moore m. Mary Lucile Jolly
10. Johnnie Hamrick m. James "Jim" Tucker, Had 1 child when Johnnie died.
    Her sister, Saphronia, raised Johnnie's little girl.
    Children:
    A. Winnie Mae Tucker
11. Mattie Hamrick m. Rhodes Gibson.
    Children:
    A. Edward Gibson
    B. Taze Gibson

III. SOPHIA J. HARWELL

Born: 1843, Giles Co., Tenn.
Died:
Married: FRANK Deason
FRANK RAN GRIST MILL FOR DINK COLLINS IN Collinsville
Children:

IV. SARAH A. HARWELL

Born: 1844, Giles Co., Tenn.
Died:
Married:

Children:

V. MARIA H. HARWELL
Born: 1846, Giles Co., Tenn.
Died:
Married:

Children:

VI. WILLIAM A. HARWELL
Born: 1847(?), Giles Co., Tenn.
Died: Perry Co., Miss., South of Hattiesburg.
Married: Tilda Barnes (Matilda?)
Bought land in Sec. 26, T-8, R-14E with his brother in 1877. Appeared to have lost the land and moved to Perry Co. He was afraid of trains so he walked all the way to Perry Co., driving a yoke of oxen.
Children: Unknown.

VII. HARTWELL L. "HOLLY" HARWELL
Born; 1849, Giles Co., Tenn.
Died: Died with 'dropsy' in early 1900's.
Married: Julia A. Pike, 1878, Lauderdale Co. (Mary Malissa Julia Anne Pike)
Had a farm in "downtown" Collinsville, reared his family there.
Children:

VIII. EMMA E. HARWELL
Born: 1851, Giles Co., Tenn.
Died: (Newton Co., Ms.?)
Married: ______Corn, lived in Newton Co.

Children: Unknown.

IX. SUSAN B. HARWELL
Born: 1852, Giles Co., Tenn.
Died:
Married:

Children:

X. ANNA L. HARWELL
Born: 1854, Giles Co., Tenn.
Died:
Married: ______Barnes

Children:

Sam'l. B. Harwell and wife, Rebecca,

To

M. B. Murphy

War Deed

Dated 12th Jany., 1856

Filed 18th Feby., 1856

Cons $ 25

Ack before A. E. Gray, M.B.P

Rec. D.B. H P 133

Conveys:

S 1/2 of ~~NW~~ of NW 1/4 Sec. 8, Tp. 5 R 14 east containing 20 acres more or less situated in Lauderdale County

M. B. Murphy

To

J. B. Harwell

War Deed

Dated 12th Feby., 1856

Filed 18th Feby., 1856

Cons $ 25

Ack before A. E. Gray, M.B.P

Rec. D. B. H P 135

Conveys:

N 1/2 of NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 Sec. 8, Tp. 5, R 14 east containing 20 acres more or less situated in Lauderdale County

R. A. Murphy wife also ack.

Susan B. Harwell, Guardian of all the minor heirs of Clayton A. Harwell, Dec'd. and Susan B. Harwell

To

Thos, W. Wells

Power of Attorney

Dated 19th Oct., 1858

Filed 19th Oct, 1858

Ack before J. B. Hancock, J.P. signs unofficially

Rec. D. B. I P 337

Constitute and appoint

Said Wells my true and lawful attorney to ask for demand, sue for recover, receive and receipt for in my name to the proper person all my distributive share of the estate of said Clayton A Harwell, dec'd.

Also the distributive shares of said estate which is coming to the above named minor heirs; hereby ratifying and confirming all the legal acts of my said attorney in the premises

Ack not in stat form

James Brown and wife, Nancy,

To

Levi T. Smith

War Deed

Dated 30th Nov., 1857

Filed 22nd Oct., 1858

Cons $200

Ack before Solomon Ethridge, M. B. P

Rec. D. B. I P 338

Conveys:

E 1/2 of NW 1/4 Sec. 3, Tp. 7, R 16 East situated in Lauderdardale County, Miss

Harwell

I-106 Minors Saphronia J., Sarah J., Maria H.,
Sept 1860 William A., Hartwell L., Emma E., Susan V.
And Anna L. Harwell are A & 14 and have in manner of form prescribed by law elected and chosen Thomas W. Wells their legal guardian and he accepted. They have $2500 after payment of their debts. ~~Wells shortly resigned~~ as Wells was bonded for $2500. He resigned as guardian a short time later.

oct 28
1864 Annual acct of Thomas W. Wells, Guard. to minor heirs of Clayton A. Harwell

TO BE HONORED

Clayton L. Harwell will be honored today with a birthday celebration in his home in Meridian. Mr. Harwell, who will officially turn 108 on Monday, has lived in the East Central Mississippi area all his life. He has four living children, 10 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. Mr. Harwell lives with his son and his wife, Conner and Bobbie Harwell.



MERIDIAN STAR - NOV 17, 1991

Jan 14, 1880
W.A & H.L. Harwell – borrowed from
M.D. & N.J. King – $483 as follows
1st note due Jan 1881 etc etc
Couldn't pay so gave King
NW¼ of SE¼ } 26-8-14 80ac D.T.
NE¼ of SW¼ } Borrowed on land to
pay off note –

JAN 31, 1877 – W.A & HL Harwell
Bought from Thos J. Hamrick for

County's oldest resident, Clayton Harwell, 108, dies

By SHARON WHITE
The Meridian Star

Clayton L. Harwell, whose lifetime spanned five wars and 21 presidents, died at a local hospital Wednesday.

He was 108.

He may have seen a 22nd president to hold office had he reached his birthday this November, his second oldest child, Conner Harwell said Wednesday following his father's passing.

The elder Harwell lived with his son and his family on Bounds Road for a number of years before recently moving into Meridian Convalescent Center.

"I had my father longer than most, and I'm very thankful to God for that," said Conner Harwell. Harwell was the father of nine children.

Born Nov. 1, 1883, Harwell was reared in Collinsville. Before his death and well after reaching 100 years old, Harwell could remember using a slate as a student at Collinsville school.

A carpenter and farmer by trade, Harwell built about 35 houses and a government barn in Hickory during his lifetime. He even constructed the first Collinsville Church of God. His farming work in-

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STAR FILE PHOTO
Clayton L. Harwell lived to be 108

very in Meridian call 693-1551/ outside

Jan Term - 1858

1st Report of Susan B. Harwell, guardian

S. B. Harwell, guardian of the minor heirs of Clayton A. Harwell, dec'd., has received nothing on act. of her said wards

Thomas W. Wells, agent

Dec 21, 1857

Probate Book "G"

September Term Probate Record 1837

Susan B Harwell for Letters of Guardianship

To the Hon Wm Daniel Judge of the probate Court of Lauderdale County, in the State of Mississippi;

The petition of Susan B Harwell of said County shows that her late husband Clayton Harwell Decd late of Giles County in the State of Tenessee, At the time of his death left the following Children to wit, Martha J. Harwell, Mary E Harwell Sophia J Harwell who are now over the Age of fourteen years of age, and Sarah A Harwell, Maria H Harwell, William A Harwell, H L Harwell, Emma E Harwell Susan V Harwell and Anna L Harwell, minors under the age of fourteen years; your petitioner shows that her said husband the said Clayton Harwell at the time of his death left an estate of the value of about three thousand dollars Consisting of Negro property which is now in the State of Tenessee your petitioner shows that the said minor heirs are entitled to distribution upon said estate that the said Clayton Harwell died intestate, and that the said heirs over the age of fourteen have made choice of your petitioner as their Guardian as by their Petition filed in your honorable Court will more fully ~~thow~~ appear and that as the said heirs who are under the age of fourteen she is advised it is necessary for them to have a guardian appointed to protect their interest in said estate; your petitioner therefore prays of your honor to appoint her to the guardianship of the said minor heirs (being her own Children) as well for those over the age of fourteen years as for those who are under the age of fourteen years. According to the provisions of the Statute in such cases, and your petitioner will ever pray

Sworn to and subscribed   Susan B Harwell

August 15th 1837 J B Harwood Clerk   Justice of the peace

Choice & Election of S B Harwell Guard &c

The State of Mississippi }
Lauderdale County } The petition of the undersigned respectfully shows to the probate Court of said County, that they are minor Children over fourteen years of age and heirs at law of Clayton A. Harwell, late of Giles County in the State of Tenessee deceased, who died leaving a small personal estate and leaving no person for the guardianship of your petitioners, as they are informed. And having been advised that it is right and proper for them to select & choose a guardian of their person and estate they have Chosen and elected their mother Susan B Harwell as such guardian and respectfully pray the honorable probate Court of the County aforesaid to grant her letters of guardianship of the persons and estates of your petitioners, and

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As in duty bound will ever pray, &c.

Martha J Harwell
Mary E Harwell
Sophia J Harwell

On the 15th day of August 1857 the above named Martha J Harwell Mary E Harwell and Sophia J Harwell came before the undersigned Justice of the peace of Said County and acknowledged that they, on the day of its date, signed the above petition as their act and deed

My hand and seal J B Harcourt (Seal)
Justice of the peace,

Susan B Harwell's Guard bond 1857

Know all men, that we Susan B Harwell, Thomas W Wall, and William Stokes are held and bound unto the State of Mississippi in the penalty of forty five hundred Dollars for whose payment duly to be made we bind our selves, our heirs executors and administrators jointly & severally, our hands and seals September 22d 1857.

The Condition of this Obligation is such that that if the above bounden Susan B Harwell as guardian to Martha J Harwell, Mary E Harwell Sophia J Harwell Sarah A Harwell Mariah H Harwell William A Harwell H L Harwell Emma L Harwell, minor heirs of Clayton A Harwell deceased shall faithfully account with the probate Court of Lauderdale County, as directed by law for the management of the property and estate of the orphans under her care and shall also deliver up the said property agreeably to the order of said Court or the directions of Law, and shall in all respects perform the duty of Guardian to the said Martha J, Mary E, Sophia J, Sarah A, Mariah H, William A, H L, Emma E Susan V & Anna L Harwell according to Law, then the above obligation shall cease, otherwise it shall remain in full force & effect

This bond & security is approved in open Court Sept 22 1857 W J Daniel Judge

Susan B Harwell (Seal)
Thos. W. Mills (Seal)
W W Stokes (Seal)

Susan B Harwell's Letters of Guardianship.

The State of Mississippi }
Lauderdale County } By the probate Court of said County

Be it remembered, that at a term of the probate Court of Lauderdale County, begun and held at the Court house thereof, on the third 3d Monday in September in the year of Our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and fifty seven, Susan B Harwell having entered into bond with suffi

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Security, as directed by Law. She was appointed Guardian of the persons and estates Real and personal, of S.A, M.H. W.A, H.L, E.E, S.V, A.L, M.J, M.E, & J.J, Harwell Heirs of C.A. Harwell Deceased, And the said Susan B Harwell is hereby Authorized And required faithfully to execute her Office and trust as guardian aforesaid, to deliver unto the Office of the Clerk of the Court aforesaid, within three months from the date hereof, An inventory, on oath, of All the estate Real And personal, of the said minors Also Annually, or whensoever thereunto required by Lawful authority, to render A just And true account of her guardianship, and to do and perform whatsoever of her as guardian aforesaid, Shall be required by the Statutes which now are or hereafter May be made And provided in this behalf,

Witness, the Hon McDaniel Judge of probate of said County, at the Courthouse thereof, the 3d monday of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and 57.

W V Ramey Clerk
By J.R. Watts DC

Last Will & testament of Polley Spinks Deceased, 1857

The State of Mississippi }
Lauderdale County } In the Name of God Amen. I, Polley Spinks of the State and County aforesaid, being of Sound Mind and memory, and calling to mind the Mortality of My body, do make and ordain this my last will and testament, in Manner And form following (Viz)

1st I, will And bequeath that All my just debts be paid,

2d I, will and bequeath unto my two Sons William W Spinks And Enoch P Spinks All my house hold and Kitchen furniture, all My Stock of Mules, Horses Cattle and waggon and one Gin Head and all my farming and plantation Tools. also all my Stock of hogs.

3d I will and bequeath that all the negro property of which I am possessed At my decease, be sold And the proceeds of the same be divided equally amongst the following legatees (Viz) J.K. Spinks, Polley S. Spinks, the heirs of Eleanor P Rawlings Elizabeth J Edwards William W Spinks And Enoch P Spinks, And that J.K. Spinks William W Spinks And Enoch P Spinks act as Guardians for the heirs of Elinor P Rawlings and hold their part of Said Money in their hands till said heirs respectively become of age,

4th I will and bequeath unto My Daughter Mary Chapman Ten Dollars to be paid to her by my executors,

5th I will And bequeath unto my Son William W Spinks All my interest in the mill, known as John C Spinks Mill;

6th I do hereby publish Ratify and declare this my [illegible]